

## **Claims**

We Claim

1. A project management method for optimizing Information Technology (IT) sites including skilled people groups and computer equipment, said method comprising the steps of:

determining, according to a project business need, a number of IT sites spread over a geographic area;

determining, according to a project technical need, the skilled people groups and computer equipment required inside the geographic area;

grouping and distributing, according to technical constraints, said skilled people groups and computer equipment over said IT sites inside the geographic area; and,

consolidating the IT sites of the geographic area by considering project cost parameters and geographic site location peculiarities.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of process and method standardization before the consolidating step, said process and method standardization step comprising the steps of:

listing processes and methods used in the IT sites as determined;

listing criteria allowing assessment of efficiency of said processes and methods in the IT sites as determined and according to the skilled people groups and computer equipment as determined, grouped, and distributed;

5 determining best processes and methods according to values of said criteria; and,

implementing the best processes and methods in the IT sites as determined.

10 **3.** The method of claim 2 wherein the step of determining the best processes and method further comprises the steps of:

entering in a database the values of said criteria;

creating with a graphic user interface an evolutionary image of the values of the criteria; and

15 analyzing the image for determining the best processes and methods.

20 **4.** The method of claim 3 further repeating, after the step of implementing the best processes and methods, the step of listing criteria, the step of determining best processes and methods, and the step of implementing the best processes and methods.

5. The method of claim 3, further repeating, after the step  
of determining best processes and methods, the step of listing  
criteria and the step determining best processes and methods.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the IT sites are spread  
5 over more than one geographic area.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of  
determining, before the step of determining skilled people groups  
and computer equipment, a management organization for the  
10 geographic area.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising after each  
step, a step of updating a project management tool displaying a  
time for executing each step of the method of claim 1.